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## Holcomb orders Hoosiers to stay home through April 7

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has ordered Hoosiers to remain in their homes through April 7 except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies and for health and safety. All state government offices will be closed to in-person public activity. All public safety functions will continue.

## Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

## Attention churches

If you are planning to hold virtual Good Friday and Easter services, please contact us by email at [ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com) to submit your listing.

## Wabash Marketplace announces April First Friday cancellation

First Friday in Downtown Wabash, originally scheduled for Friday, April 3, has been canceled. At this time, Wabash Marketplace still proceeding with the event on May 1. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org) or call 260-563-0975.

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# Holcomb orders remote learning for all K-12 schools for school year

Schools will need to submit a plan for review and approval by IDOE by April 17

## STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed an executive order Thursday requiring all K-12 schools in Indiana to provide instruction via remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020

school year and outlines options for districts to continue education during the fight against COVID-19.

To complete the school year, all schools previously received a 20-day waiver to reduce the number of required in-person or remote instruction days to 160. Schools must continue to provide instruction via remote learning until they complete either:

■ 160 instructional days or

■ At least 20 additional days of remote learning between the date of the executive order (today) and the end of the school year. If a school completes 20 days and falls short of the required 160 instructional days, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) can waive the difference.

All K-12 schools will need to submit a plan for review and approval by IDOE by April 17. The plan can include eLearn-

ing, extended learning, project-based or portfolio learning, competency-based learning, partnerships with higher education for increased student supports, and other similar methods.

The governor, in conjunction with Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick, also directed the Indiana State Board of Education

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# Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Heartland Career Center helps design, build needed protective gear as pandemic continues

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As health care providers throughout the area prepare for a possible surge in COVID-19 cases and take stock of supplies for their staffs, administrators at a local career center are trying to do their part to make sure they have what they need.

"It's just kind of been a way to try and help out a little bit in our own little way," Mark Hobbs, the director at the Heartland Career Center in Wabash, said on Wednesday.

Hobbs said administrators and instructors at the facility have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE, that many fear are going to be in short supply in the coming weeks.

Principal Jon Higgins said that the initial idea for the project came out of instructor Joe Halverson's precision machining labs where he managed to create frames for the shields on the 3D printing machines.

The problem, he said, was that the process was slow and they didn't think they could keep up with the demand.

Though they've created 19 masks through that method that have already been donated, Higgins said Wednesday that he and about three other staff members have come up with an alternative method where, by today, they can ramp up production.

"We are in the process of providing 250 prototypes," he said.

Getting there came with the help of a resident who works in the medical field and helped them design a frame for the shields that could be built more



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Jacob Halverson, son of Heartland Career Center instructor Joe Halverson, models a face shield that staff members at the career center are producing for area health care providers.

quickly.

Wabash Hardware, Higgins said, is donating automotive fasteners needed to put the shields together as well as custom-cut acrylic strips that make up the exterior of the frames.

"This has been a community effort," he said.

Once the frames are built, he said, users can fix laminating sheets to the frame to serve as the shield. They are gathering donations for those as well.

"It's a common office supply," Higgins said.

Staff have reached out to area hospitals who have

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Staff at Heartland Career Center in Wabash are producing face shields to give to health care providers as many in the area prepare for a possible surge of COVID-19 cases.

# Jobless claims skyrocket

Manufacturing particularly hard-hit by COVID-19 closures

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday, the Department of Labor issued a stunning report of 6,648,000 new unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 28.

That figure combined with the previous weekly adjusted total of 3,307,000 meant a record-breaking 10 million people applied in just 14 days.

Amid mass layoffs and closures due to COVID-19, regional and local numbers match these trends.

## Northeast Indiana numbers

The Community Research Institute (CRI) at Purdue University Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana Works have secured data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development about the industries in which first-time unemployment insurance claimants work, according to Rachel E. Blakeman, community research institute director and Department of Public Policy adjunct professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

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# WCPL expands online offerings

## STAFF REPORT

To help minimize the spread of COVID-19, the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) building is currently closed to the public. The staff is still working to bring the Wabash community access to digital services and more, stated Rachel Castle, community outreach coordinator.

"We believe that the library is a not only a building to house physical materials. It is a service to our community that our staff is working remotely to continue providing during this uncertain time," stated Castle. "We are issuing library cards to new users, tracking useful resources that can be accessed by everyone online, and continuing to answer research and reference questions as they come to us."

The library has put systems in place to ensure that any items checked out before the building closure will automatically renew for patrons and fines will be waived on any

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# Manchester University offers pass/no pass option

Undergraduate deadline for submitting a request moved back to May 28

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University will allow undergraduate students the option of taking a pass/no pass grade in most classes this semester if they

get approval from their academic advisor.

The faculty Academic Governance Council voted to approve the new grading policy, which is being implemented for this semester because the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has forced Manchester to cancel in-person classes.

"Students will have the option to choose between receiving traditional letter

grades or taking classes as pass/no pass this semester, with some exceptions," President Dave McFadden said. "There is also no rush for them to make that decision now."

The council voted to push back the undergraduate deadline for submitting a request to convert a course to pass/no pass to May 28. That is four business days after grades are available.

The pass/no pass proposals came from the faculty Academic Standards Committee.

"The current proposal allows students to select courses for pass/no pass regardless of whether the course is an elective or for a requirement. Many students will need actual grades for courses that are pre-requisites for professional or graduate school, so advisor approval will be required

to help ensure that courses are not converted to pass/no pass that should not be for that student's situation," the committee said in its rationale to faculty.

The committee and Office of the Registrar notified students early Wednesday evening in a joint email.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



# Economic fallout mounts

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK,**  
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — The coronavirus outbreak has thrown 10 million Americans out of work in just two weeks, the swiftest, most stunning collapse the U.S. job market has ever witnessed, and economists warn unemployment could reach levels not seen since the Depression, as the economic damage piles up around the world.

The bleak news Thursday – a record-shattering 6.6 million new unemployment claims on top of last week’s unprecedented 3.3 million – came as the competition for

scarce ventilators, masks and other protective gear seemed to grow more desperate and deaths mounted with alarming speed in Italy, Spain and New York, the most lethal hot spot in the nation, with nearly 2,400 lives lost.

The mounting economic fallout almost certainly signals the onset of a global recession, with job losses that are likely to dwarf those of the Great Recession more than a decade ago.

“My anxiety is through the roof right now, not knowing what’s going to happen,” said Laura Wieder, laid off from her job managing a now-closed sports bar in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Worldwide the number of

infections closed in on another gloomy milestone – 1 million, with more than 50,000 deaths, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. But the true numbers are believed to be much higher, because of testing shortages, many mild cases that have gone unreported, and suspicions that some countries are covering up the extent of their outbreaks.

With over 220,000 people infected in the U.S. and the death toll topping 5,300, sobering preparations were under way. The Federal Emergency Management Agency asked the Pentagon for 100,000 body bags because of the possibility funeral homes will be overwhelmed, the military said.

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In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, the regional numbers reflect Economic Growth Region, including Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties. Claims are recorded based on where people live, not the county where they work. The new data show the total first-time claims in the past two weeks (weeks ending March 21 and 28), or 27,224 workers.

Highlights of the findings include:

- 46.8 percent (12,754 claimants) in the two weeks come from manufacturing.
- All but Allen and Huntington counties had more than half of their initial claims come from manufacturing in the week ending March 28; LaGrange County had 80.1 percent of its first-time claims last week in manufacturing; Noble County had 77.9 percent.
- 15.5 percent (4,231 claimants) come from accommodation and food services.
- 8.2 percent (2,238 claimants) come from health care and social services (hospitals are still running full tilt, but this category also captures dentists’ offices, doctors’ offices, childcare centers, youth centers, and other healthcare providers like physical therapists, chiropractors and optometrists).
- 5.7 percent (1,539 claimants) come from retail trade (department and specialty stores and other storefront retailers).
- 4.6 percent (1,252 claimants) come from other services (this reflects personal services like hair salons and barbershops, funeral homes,

drycleaners and pet grooming and other pet care services excluding veterinary services).

■ Comparing the data for the two weeks, the first week was dominated by accommodation/food services workers at 2,407 and then 1,824 last week. Last week had 11,655 manufacturing claimants compared to 1,099 the week before.

■ Public administration (local, state and federal government) and finance and insurance had the lowest reported claims at 62 and 69. Agriculture, mining and construction had no reported claims in EGR 3, indicating fewer than 10 claims in each week.

### Wabash County numbers

According to figures provide by Blakeman, Wabash County’s manufacturing sector took a similarly hard hit over those 14 days.

Two weeks ago, 48 new claims were registered in Wabash County, making 22.64 of the total. The following week, it was 403 and that counted for 60.42 percent of that week’s total.

Second hardest-hit was the health care and social services sector. Two weeks ago, 41 new claims were filed, making up 19.34 percent of the total. The following week that was up to 49 new claims, making up 7.35 percent of that week’s total.






In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Keith A. Gillenwater, president and CEO of Grow Wabash County, stated the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting our com-

munity in several ways.

“Besides the visible reminders we are seeing everyday – restaurants/entertainment/retail shops that are closed or doing carryout/delivery only, our manufacturers that maybe aren’t as publicly visible are suffering as well. Several have laid workers off either as the business was non-essential or due to world-wide economic slowdown caused by the virus. Certain industries have been decimated and if your business is serving that industry than they are getting hit as well. We have companies that ultimately supply to the automotive industry, gas/oil industry and even to the cruise industry that are all feeling the effects of the pandemic. I hope the silver lining to these lay-offs is that it becomes easier to practice social distancing and we can flatten the curve on this pandemic and start getting back to normal. Our economy was booming right before this just a few short weeks ago,” he stated. “The health and well-being of our people is first and foremost the highest priority. All of us and hoping and praying that this pandemic slows and ultimately subsides as the lives it is impacting in many different ways is unlike anything most of us have experienced. We will do whatever we can to help our businesses and the greater community at large bounce back as quickly as we can. We are all in this together.”





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 65 / 49	 <b>Saturday</b> Few Showers 53 / 42	 <b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 54 / 46	 <b>Monday</b> Chance T-storms 63 / 53	 <b>Tuesday</b> Scattered T-storms 69 / 54
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:15 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:25 a.m.

 Full 4/7	 Last 4/14	 New 4/22	 First 4/30
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 65°, humidity of 50%. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 49°. South southeast wind 6 mph. Saturday, skies will be cloudy with a 60% chance of showers, high of 53°, humidity of 80%.

# Quitting sugar is a challenge that requires awareness

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I’m stalled on my resolution to quit eating sugar. Why is it so hard? I just can’t seem to stop saying yes to sweets, especially my favorites – cookies and candy bars. Do you have any suggestions?

**DEAR READER:** First of all, please don’t feel bad. In your quest to control your sugar intake, you’re battling two powerful forces – biology and modern food science.

Sugars provide the body with an efficient source of energy, and the pursuit of them is hard-wired into our brains. This, along with the fact that sugar wakes up the reward centers of the brain, has been weaponized by food scientists. The result is a vast array of sweet treats, many of them amped up with fats and salt, and each carefully designed to be irresistible. Adding to these challenges is the fact that quitting sugar cold turkey can leave you with genuine symptoms of withdrawal, including headache, fatigue, irritability and low mood. But don’t despair. Armed with a bit of self-knowledge and a few deliberate strategies – and, yes, some willpower and discipline – you can successfully get your sweet tooth under control.

Start by becoming aware of how much sugar you eat, and when. Do you add it to your morning coffee or tea? Is it part of your breakfast? Do you drink sugared beverages? All of these, along with any candy, baked goods, ice cream or other sweet snacks that you grab throughout the day, contribute to the estimated 17 teaspoons of sugar that we Americans ingest daily. That’s double the recommended limit of 9 teaspoons per day for men and triple the 6 teaspoons for women, and it adds up to almost 57(!) pounds of sugar per person per year. Since 75 percent of all processed foods – even those that come across as savory – contain added sugars, you’ll need to check food labels for an accurate picture of your intake.

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**  
Ask the Doctors



Once you’ve identified the sources of sugar in your diet, you can begin the process of weaning yourself off of it. If you’re stirring it in to coffee, cut back a little each day until it’s gone. If you’re a soda drinker, switch to one of the many varieties of sparkling water that have become available. It is helpful to understand that sugar makes blood glucose levels spike, which triggers the pancreas to release insulin. That’s the hormone that allows cells to absorb and use glucose for energy. A healthy blood sugar balance depends on limiting surges of insulin, so think in terms of meals and snacks full of protein, fiber and healthy fats. They will fill you up and lessen your cravings without making your blood sugar levels go crazy.

Artificial sweeteners may

be tempting, but studies have linked them to a boomerang effect of craving more sugar, as well as to adverse effects on the gut microbiome. Plus, after just a few days of sugar abstinence, you’ll find that your taste buds are waking up to the natural sugars in foods, which will become satisfying. There’s no question that quitting sugar can be a challenge, so be kind to yourself and take things gradually.

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06-07-13-18-42  
**Cash4Life**  
05-14-18-27-46, Cash Ball: 4  
**Lotto Plus**  
06-15-19-20-23-25  
**Quick Draw Midday**  
03-07-10-15-18-20-34-39-40-41-45-48-49-53-55-56-64-67-69-72, BE: 55  
**Daily Three-Midday**  
1-6-7, SB: 6  
**Daily Three-Evening**  
0-4-2, SB: 5  
**Daily Four-Midday**  
6-5-8-2, SB: 6  
**Daily Four-Evening**  
1-7-8-3, SB: 5  
**Quick Draw Evening**  
04-07-11-12-19-20-22-25-32-36-38-44-48-49-62-63-65-69-70-80, BE: 38  
**Hoosier Lotto**  
15-18-22-33-37-42  
**Mega Millions jackpot:**  
\$121 million  
**Powerball**  
33-35-45-48-60, Powerball: 16, Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$170 million

### THURSDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	.66
Copper.....	2.16
Lead.....	.77
Zinc.....	.84
Gold.....	1,611.20
Silver.....	14.43
Platinum.....	728.49

### AREA GRAIN

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Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.25.  
Soybeans: \$8.58.



# Obituaries

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### Stephen D. Ford

Dec. 6, 1946 – April 2, 2020

Stephen D. Ford, 73, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:16 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born Dec. 6, 1946 in Peru, Indiana to Basil Floyd and Marjorie B. (Trice) Ford.

Stephen was a 1964 graduate of Northfield High School and received his Bachelors degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University in 1968. He married Deborah Proctor at the pavilion at the Salamonie Reservoir in Wabash County on Sept. 24, 1988. He was an insurance agent at Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance Agency more than 15 years. Stephen was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and attended Wabash First United Methodist Church in Wabash. He was a former member and past president of the Lagro Lions Club, and former member of the Wabash Rotary Club. Stephen enjoyed farming, eating, and spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Ford of Wabash, three children, Joseph (Paula) Ford of Timberville, Virginia, Dawn (Michael) McKown of Harrisburg, Nebraska, and Wes (Daphne Holycross) Banks of Roann, Indiana, five grandchildren, Suzanne Ford,



Sharon Ford, and Stephen Ford, all of Timberville, Mike McKown of Omaha, Nebraska, and Megan Banks of Peru, Indiana, sisters and brother, Elaine Widdifield of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Keith (Pam) Ford of Wabash, Denise Sheetz of Warsaw, Indiana, and Rhonda (Dan) Carr of Wabash, sister-in-law, Tilly Ford of Roann. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Brian Lee Ford.

There will be a memorial service at the First United Methodist Church in Wabash at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Roann Lions Club.

The memorial guest book for Stephen may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).



Contributed photo

Jacob Halverson with one of the face shields.

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made their needs known and Higgins said they are still waiting to hear from others.

“We are also trying to figure out how we can help our EMTs and paramedics and folks like that as well,” he said.

Anyone interested in the project can email [mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us](mailto:mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us).

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(SBOE) to provide flexibility for school corporations for students who are to graduate in 2020. A school corporation may issue an Indiana diploma to a student who has done all of the following:

- Has met all of the course and credit requirements for the specific diploma designation based on a combination of high school credits earned before and the course in which a student was enrolled as of March 19, when the governor issued the statewide school closure.
- Meets any virtual or remote learning participation requirements established

by the governing body of the local school corporation in response to the statewide school closure order issued by the governor.

- Meets any additional graduation requirements established by the governing body of the local school corporation prior to the school closure order issued by the governor.

The executive order also extends teacher licenses expiring between March 1 and Aug. 31 until Sept. 1.

Other deadlines and requirements for the current school year will be reviewed by Dr. McCormick, the executive director of SBOE, and relevant state agencies. They will submit recommendations to the governor by April 7 for review and further action.

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#### Grow Wabash County accepting applications for Revolving Loan Fund program

The deadline for initial applications is Wednesday, April 15. More information regarding the terms and requirements for these loans as well as the necessary application and documents may be found here: <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship/revolving-loanfund/>. Questions regarding Grow Wabash County's RLF program or the application process may be directed by email to [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by calling 260-563-5258.

#### Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

- Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

- BMV: Closed until at least April 7. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

- Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [julie@cfwabash.org](mailto:julie@cfwabash.org), or call 260-982-4824.

- Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov). DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

- Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

- Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through Saturday, April 11.

- Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

- Manchester Community Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1.

- Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

- MSD: Closed through Friday, May 1. Spring Break is scheduled from April 3 to 10.

- The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).

- North Manchester Public

Library: Closed until April 7. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/) and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us), call 260-982-4773 or visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

- St. Bernard School: Closed through at least April 7.

- Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email [warew@wabash.lib.in.us](mailto:warew@wabash.lib.in.us) or visit [www.wabash.lib.in.us](http://www.wabash.lib.in.us) or [www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary).

- Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Wabash City Hall will be closed through at least April 7. Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid19info@cityofwabash.com). Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email [mayor@cityofwabash.com](mailto:mayor@cityofwabash.com).

- Wabash City Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

- Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

- Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

- Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

- Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

- Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

- Woman's Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

- WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

- Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

#### Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this

time when seniors will be home more than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver pre-paid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563.-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

#### Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing [karrowood@curehunger.org](mailto:karrowood@curehunger.org) or visiting [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

#### New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

- Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

- Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

- Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

#### Parkview Wabash partners with volunteers to produce PPE

The mask-making kits may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3718 New Vision Drive, located on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus in Fort Wayne. Volunteers should turn on to New Vision Drive from Diebold Road. Signs will be posted to indicate where you can drive up to easily receive the kits without leaving your vehicle. All completed masks can be returned to the Fort Wayne location or to your local Parkview community hospital.

#### Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures,

and have no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit [www.cfwabash.org](http://www.cfwabash.org) or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [melissa@cfwabash.org](mailto:melissa@cfwabash.org) or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit [www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp](http://www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp) to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

#### Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting. Motorists can expect to see signage up as early as the week of April 1.

#### Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

“Dia de Lagro” will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit [lagrocanalfoundation.com](http://lagrocanalfoundation.com). Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email [lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com).

#### Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

#### Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at [www.NEImuralfestival.com](http://www.NEImuralfestival.com) and are open through the end of May.

*Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



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The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedeal.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedeal.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.  
**Proverbs 17:17**

## School shutdowns threaten to worsen the achievement gap

The COVID-19 crisis threatens to undo years of educational efforts to help disadvantaged students catch up to their more affluent classmates. The same old problems – lack of internet access or computers for doing homework, parents who have limited financial or educational resources to help their children with school – are exacerbated now that students are required to learn not in a classroom, but remotely. Some school districts, notably Los Angeles Unified, are making maximum effort to educate all of their students. The district has dedicated \$100 million to providing tablet computers to students who have no devices to use at home. It has worked out a deal with a phone company to provide unlimited data so those students have broadband access. Still, setting up such an effort for a half-million students takes time, and time is in short supply. On Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that school campuses will be shut down through the end of the academic year. It's possible to make up for that lost time during the summer, but that would require a costly funding of teacher salaries for weeks or months. And how can L.A. Unified and other school districts reengage students who are not doing their work now, either because they see this as an extended vacation, or because their parents are

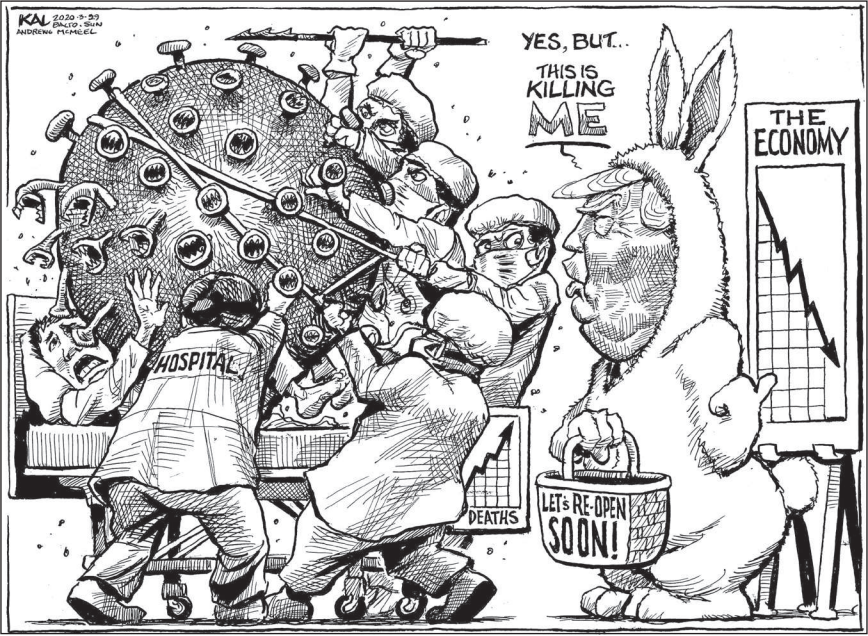
overwhelmed by loss of income and other burdens and are not holding their feet to the fire? Worse, not all schools are even making an effort to assure educational "equity" during this period. A recent survey of dozens of large school districts nationwide by the nonprofit Center for Reinventing Public Education found that only a third are working on getting internet-connected devices to those who lack them. Only half are involved in actual lesson planning; the others are instead referring students to optional assignments or pointing them to publicly available educational sites such as the Khan Academy. In their defense, schools were as blindsided as anyone by how swiftly and completely the pandemic disrupted routines. For years now, they have been kept from giving students access to broadband by the federal government's overly restrictive E-Rate program, which provides WiFi hot spots to schools at a deep discount but makes it difficult to loan those to students for use at home. And to their credit, most schools' first effort has been on safeguarding health. They have been feeding students and often their families who otherwise might have bare pantries, largely through "grab and go" meals. They have informed families about the virus and the best steps for reducing its spread.

Still, the educational efforts by schools nationwide are far too spotty. Many aren't attempting to provide any real lessons at all, especially after U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos sent out word that schools would still have to meet the needs of special education students. Concerned that they would be sued if they provided any education to able students that was not also available to disabled students, they simply decided not to educate at all. That's unacceptable, and DeVos, who has not shown herself a leader during this time of crisis, needs to make clear to schools exactly what does and what doesn't constitute inclusive education, and to offer reasonable flexibility. Beyond that, she should insist that schools provide evidence that they are gearing up to offer meaningful education to their students, and push for E-Rate funding that will expand access to wireless hot spots to students' homes. Today's students shouldn't become the lost cohort, left with less ability to succeed academically than those who came before or after them. Above all, it would be grossly unfair to allow disadvantaged students to languish during a long gap in schooling while students whose families have more resources forge ahead. *This editorial was first published in The Los Angeles Times.*

## Trump finally submits to reality

In any war, reality has a way of changing the battle plans of even the most stubborn and vainglorious of generals. Even, it seems, President Trump. The president's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic was first to ignore it, then minimize it, then irresponsibly tout an unproven drug treatment, then try to construe it as something that could somehow be confined to urban hotspots. It was as if he had to go through the five stages of grief – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance – to mourn the economic growth and stock market gains he believed could win him reelection. Over the weekend, Trump appeared to surrender to the facts. A month ago, he had foolishly predicted that the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States would soon be "down to close to zero." On Sunday, he argued that keeping the number of deaths in this country below 100,000 – not cases, which may soar into the millions, but fatalities – would mean having done "a very good job." I realize it's always dangerous to be optimistic where Trump is concerned. Perhaps I'm going with hope over experience, but for the first time, I have the sense that the White House accepts the scientific consensus about the threat COVID-19 poses. I heard Trump's usual bluster and bombast at his Rose Garden performance this weekend, but I also heard realism. Trump's decision to keep in place national social-distancing guidelines until April 30 abandoned his insane notion that it would be "great to have all of the churches full" on Easter. Potentially even more important, however, was Trump's prediction that the nation could be getting back to normal by June 1. The inference is that we'll still be shut down, at least to some extent, through May. As a practical matter, governors such as Andrew Cuomo of New York, Gavin Newsom of California, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, Larry Hogan of Maryland and many others were sure to keep their stay-at-home orders in place no matter what Trump decided at the end of the initial distancing period. But this sea-change matters for those states, because the president is no longer contradicting state and local orders. And it potentially matters even more in states such as Mississippi, where Gov. Tate Reeves classified restaurants, bars and almost all businesses as "essential," and eligible to remain open, because he wanted no part of "dictatorship models like China." Trump's pivot ought to put all Republican officials, Fox News anchors and rank-and-file wearers of Make America Great Again hats on notice: The Trump-approved way to think about COVID-19 is no longer to see it as a minor problem overblown by the president's enemies in the liberal media. Now the pandemic is a mortal threat that could cost more than 2 million lives, according to your Dear Leader himself, if we fail to take it seriously. If Trump's road-to-Damascus conversion is genuine, we apparently have Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, to thank. They reportedly gave Trump a comprehensive presentation on the most up-to-date data and projections for how the pandemic might progress, leading him to finally abandon – for now, at least – his contrarian views. According to published reports, the administration had been influenced by the views of Richard Epstein, a New York University law professor and senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, who wrote a March 16 article predicting the United States would face no more than 50,000 cases of COVID-19 and "about 500 deaths at the end," a number he later raised by a factor of 10 after saying he committed an error. We've now seen more than 150,000 cases and more than 2,500 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins University tally, proving it is better to listen to trained epidemiologists than libertarian ideologues. On "Meet the Press," Birx referred specifically to the projections of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington. The IHME predicts that the epidemic will peak nationally in the next two to four weeks and that by July it will claim 82,000 American lives – and that's assuming strict social-distancing practices are observed. The administration's response to the pandemic is still far from ideal, and Trump is still fundamentally the same person. In keeping with his reliance on the vagaries of the private sector, he praised two major insurers that are waiving co-pays for COVID-19-related treatment, but could offer no such assurances about other big insurance firms. And as usual, he snarled at White House correspondents whose questions and coverage he does not like. If the world has changed overnight, Trump has not. But for now, at least, we're on a saner path. Stay home, everybody, and stay safe. *Eugene Robinson's email address is [eugen Robinson@washpost.com](mailto:eugen Robinson@washpost.com)*

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## A second pandemic: virus opportunism

America's encounter with COVID-19 is causing people already enthusiastic about enlarging government to strenuously affirm the self-evident: the fact that government can perform indispensable functions. And a new pandemic – virus opportunism – is intensifying calls by perennial advocates of substantially enlarged government for just that. Government, they say, should be understood sentimentally as (in words ascribed to former Massachusetts congressman Barney Frank) "simply the name we give to the things we choose to do together." So it is serendipitous that on Friday the Supreme Court will consider whether to take the case brought by Miladis Salgado. Her 2015 encounter with "the things we choose to do together" left her unenchanted by the romance of government. Salgado had two jobs, one at a Subway sandwich shop, another at an airport duty-free store where she underwent periodic background checks to guarantee that she had no criminal record. Almost five years ago (May 2015), Drug Enforcement Administration agents acted on a tip that her estranged husband, who was sharing a house with her, was a drug dealer. They raided her home while she was at work. When she returned to a household in shambles, she found that the agents had confiscated her life savings – \$15,000 in cash, mostly gifts from family members, that Salgado hoped to spend on her daughter's 15th-birthday "quinceañera" celebration. The tip having proved false, the agents promptly returned her money, with profuse apologies, right? Not exactly. Although the DEA had no evidence connecting Miladis or her money to any criminal activity by anyone, it had her

money – and the labyrinthine maze of civil forfeiture to use extortionately against her. Under civil forfeiture the government can seize property suspected of being produced by, or involved in, crime. The property owners bear the burden of proving that they were innocent of such activity. Proving this can be, and government has an incentive to make it be, a protracted and costly ordeal in which people, often of modest means, must hire lawyers to do battle against government's unlimited resources. When the victims conclude, as they often do, that the challenge is too daunting, government pockets a portion of its ill-gotten loot. So civil forfeiture is a textbook example of moral hazard – an incentive for perverse behavior. Government has a financial interest in the outcome of cases it can create. Against the government's big legal battalions, however, Salgado has deployed the Institute for Justice's public interest litigators, who know that lucrative law enforcement can become lawless: An Institute report ("Policing for Profit") shows that 88 percent of civil asset forfeiture cases never come before a judge. This is because most property owners are ground down by the process and capitulate to a settlement favorable to the government that dictates it, often keeping roughly 50 percent of the victims' property. Twenty years ago, however, Congress passed the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act requiring the government to pay the legal fees of a person who "substantially prevails" when contesting a forfeiture in court. This,

however, gave government a new opportunity for punitive nastiness against the innocent. If years of dilatory government do not suffice to discourage government's victims from seeking restoration of their property, the government waits years, until it seems likely to lose in court, then surrenders the seized property in order to dodge judicial compulsion. The government then argues that no victim "substantially prevails" when the property is restored, so the victim need not be made whole by obtaining attorneys' fees, costs and interest. Circuit courts have differed about this practice. Those that have tolerated it have been confused or careless regarding Congress' clear intent that victims of spurious forfeiture cases not emerge from the process injured. Because a district court dismissed the DEA's case involving Salgado "without prejudice," only \$10,387.92 was restored to her. The rest of her \$15,000 was withheld for her lawyer, who worked on a contingency fee basis. The intent of the 2000 law, however, was for the government, having lost, to pay its victims' costs. Salgado wants the court to rule that she substantially prevailed. The government's last-minute capitulation gained it nothing but the pleasure of injuring her financially. This is one of "the things we choose to do together." Virus opportunists who today are vociferously regretting Americans' skepticism about government ought to regret that government supplies so many reasons for it. The court should take Salgado's case and side with her. She had no quinceañera celebration for her daughter, who must wait until her next 15th birthday. *George Will's email address is [georgewill@washpost.com](mailto:georgewill@washpost.com)*

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## HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 3, the 94th day of 2020. There are 272 days left in the year.  
**Highlight in history:**  
On April 3, 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.  
**On this date:**  
In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)  
In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.  
In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.  
In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.  
In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Smith v. Allwright*, struck down a Democratic Party of Texas rule that allowed only white voters to participate in Democratic primaries.



# Grandfather has trouble connecting with grandsons

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband has a contentious relationship with our grandchildren. He generally is a fun, happy and interesting person. But by nature he is not “hands on” when it comes to children.

Our son and daughter have great spouses and five young grandsons. He stands around like a warden waiting for something to happen, then just yells at them. It is clear he doesn’t enjoy being with them, and their mood changes from happy to surly when he’s around. I enjoy doing things with them and taking them to lots of fun places, and I know my husband doesn’t like to go anywhere with them.



I have had two major talks trying to encourage him to have a positive, interactive relationship with the boys, to no avail. He reacts as if I’m the only one who sees this. My sister, son and daughter-in-law have talked to me about it, but I haven’t told my husband. Should I just drop this issue? – Doing The Work Of Two

**DEAR DOING:** Your husband may or may not be capable of changing. However, the next time your sister, son and daughter-in-law talk to you about the negative message your husband is sending the grandchildren, please tell them they are talking to the wrong person. They should take this up with “Grandpa Grump,” and you should not be forced into the position of being the messenger.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is 22 weeks pregnant. This will be our first grandchild, and we were excited to be hosting the baby shower for her. Unfortunately, her in-laws got involved. We were told they were mostly in charge and we should butt out, and my daughter will host her own shower. She sent us a message stating that they don’t want the shower to be a “burden or financial strain on us,” so we can come only as guests.

We never ever said anything about finances or anything. We were excited about the shower and couldn’t wait to start this amazing journey. What do we do? Do we still go as grandparents, as guests or stay away? We are not allowed to help with anything, but we were told to contribute to the food. – Stunned In South Africa

**DEAR STUNNED:** Contribute what food exactly? A box of crackers? A fruit salad? Money? I don’t blame you for being upset. It certainly looks like you have been pushed aside.

Did your daughter send you that message or did her mother-in-law? I ask because it is considered a breach of etiquette for an honoree to throw her own shower. Talk to your daughter. However, do not allow this to drive you away. Attend the shower. If you don’t attend, it may be the beginning of an estrangement.

**DEAR ABBY:** Is it OK for me to be carrying my boss’s belongings to his car at the end of his workday? Is it acceptable for me to be making his coffee a certain way and picking up his lunch? I was hired as a second administrative assistant, but I feel more like a maid/servant/slave. It’s 2020! I don’t think women should be treated like this anymore. Any advice? – Uncertain In The East

**DEAR UNCERTAIN:** Absolutely. Have a chat with your employer and review what your duties are supposed to be. Nowhere in your letter is it apparent that your boss is singling you out for these tasks because you’re female. If you had proof this was the case, it would be another matter. Because you find these tasks demeaning, consider looking for another job because this may not be the place for you.

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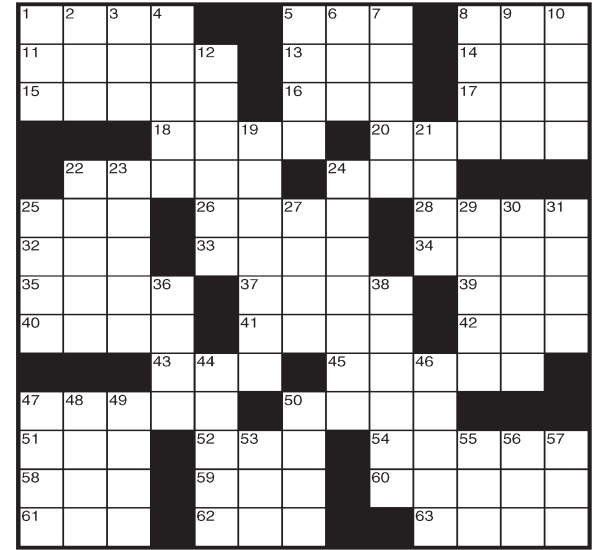
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Jumbles: BASIC TARDY

Answer: The owner of the old Swedish car was telling the mechanic his — “SAAB” STORY

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Oh dear!

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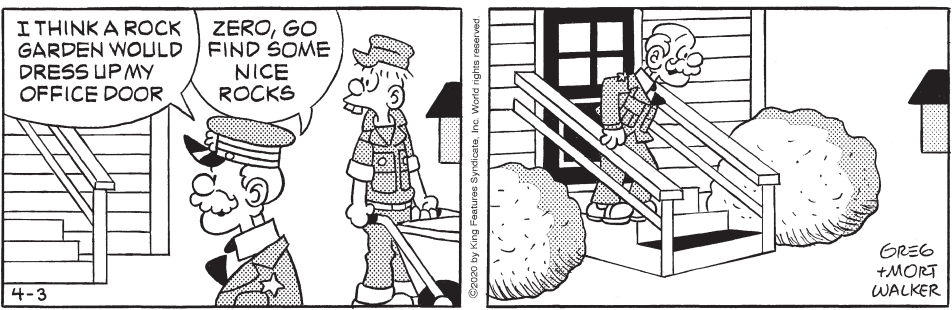
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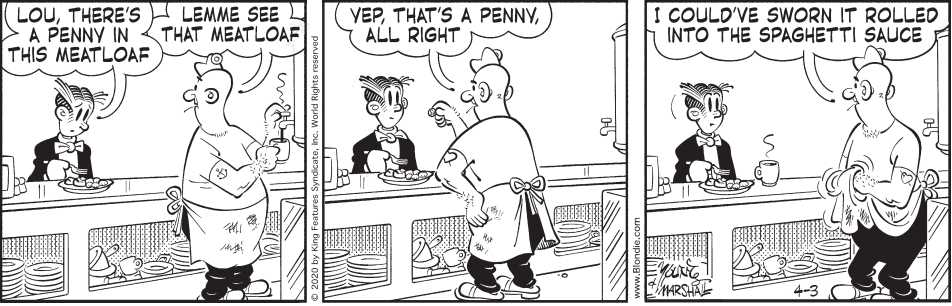
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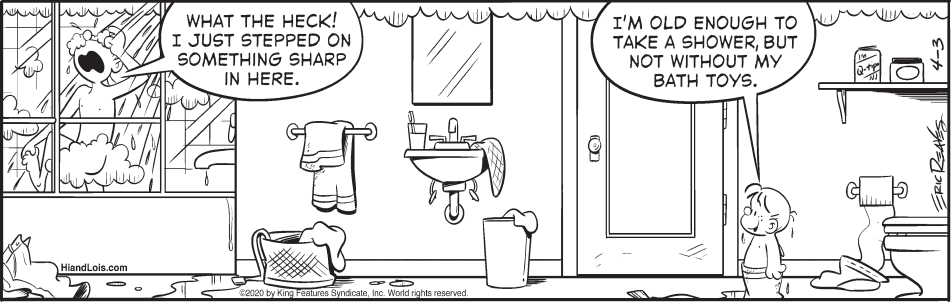
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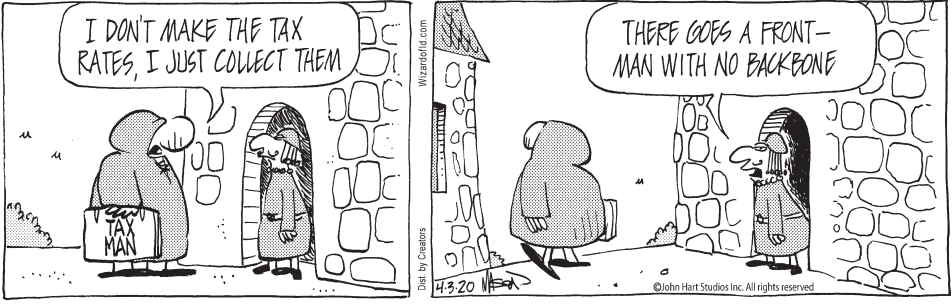
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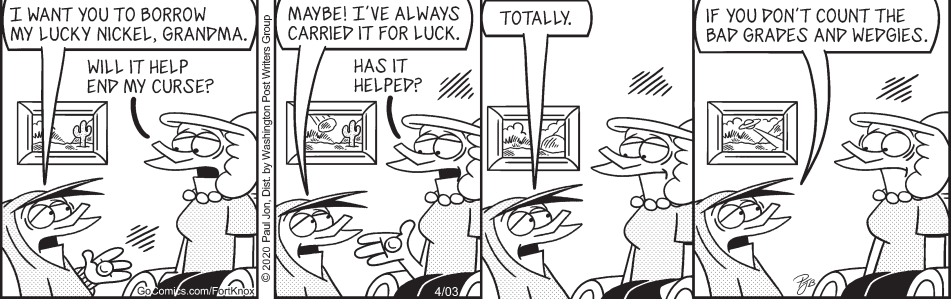
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# There is a day of judgment coming

**Q:** I am a scientist and have studied the religions of the world. I like the idea of being religious, but not by man’s interpretation of spiritual literature. I simply cannot believe in what man says God is. – M.I.

**A:** God has put knowledge of Himself in the human heart. “Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that [mankind is] without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

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## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos  
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## Coronavirus creates legal minefield for priests, flocks

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This can happen on a city sidewalk or in a quiet corner of a big-box store. Often the question is urgent – because something disturbing has shaken someone’s faith.

“I’ve been asked for confession in a taxi. I’ve been asked while on a train,” said Father Fergal O’Duill, part of the Dallas-Fort Worth branch of the Catholic movement Regnum Christi. His name is pronounced “O’Doul,” and he is originally from Dublin, Ireland.

These requests happen, he added, because “people see you and they know you’re a priest. We’re priests no matter where we go.”

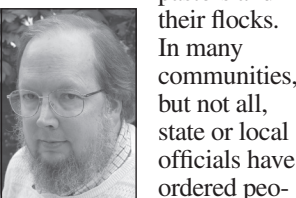
Hearing confessions is crucial during the penitential season of Lent, which precedes Easter, which is on April 12 this year for Catholics and Protestants (April 19 for Eastern Orthodox Christians). Centuries of Catholic and Orthodox tradition urge believers to go to confession during Lent, before receiving Holy Communion on Easter.

The irony, right now, is that O’Duill can hear confessions during chance encounters,

but not during scheduled times at the school where he serves as a chaplain.

The evolving coronavirus pandemic has turned Lent into a confusing minefield

of legal and doctrinal questions for pastors and their flocks. In many communities, but not all, state or local officials have ordered people to “shelter in place” – staying home unless they have “essential” needs elsewhere. This has raised an obvious question: Is going to confession “essential,” even if Catholics are preparing for Holy Week and Easter rites they will have to watch on digital screens at home?



For most of March, O’Duill was one of several priests who heard confessions in a giant parking lot, or in a pair of tents, near the Highlands School in Irving, Texas. Every effort was made to provide enough privacy to maintain the “dignity” of the sacrament, he said, while priests remained a safe distance from the penitents. Priests offered similar “drive-through” confession opportunities in a few other

parts of America.

Then, on March 22, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a shelter-in-place order effective through April 3 and, perhaps, beyond.

The ground rules changed. While Dallas Bishop Edward J. Burns had welcomed the “drive-through” confessions, said O’Duill, he canceled all scheduled confessions – even outdoors – because that would require Catholics to leave their homes and could create crowds. Priests can still travel, during emergencies, to hear confessions or perform baptisms. Funerals are allowed, with restrictions on social distancing.

Orders of this kind fueled heated debates on Catholic social media.

In one case, the Catholic writer Eric Sammons tweeted: “If your parish priest has not found a way to continue hearing confessions during this pandemic, I’d say that’s a sign that you need to find a new parish when this is all over. (And if your bishop has forbid the hearing of confessions, perhaps you need to find a new diocese.)”

Another popular Catholic writer, Father Dwight Longenecker, replied: “As a priest in a diocese where hearing confessions has been suspended, are (you) recommending that I disobey

my bishop? ... I can think of some ways to minister while still observing the distancing rules, but we not only obey the bishop, we work in solidarity with our brother priests. If one person breaks ranks there will be chaos.”

It’s possible the rules could change again, said O’Duill. At the moment, Regnum Christi priests are exploring whether it may be possible to celebrate Easter in an outdoor drive-in theater – even if shelter-in-place orders continue. Also, he said he will keep his eye on Rome to see how Pope Francis stages the traditional outdoor Stations of the Cross rites on Good Friday.

“I believe that this crisis is becoming a time of grace,” said O’Duill. “One of the last confessions I heard the other day was one of the most amazing that I have heard in my life.

“This is a time when people are really digging deep and thinking about what matters. I think that will continue when this is all over. ... The Lord isn’t going to let us down. He is with us as we go through all of this, no matter what.”

*Terry Mattingly leads Get Religion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*

## Confessing life in full

By **JERRY GAUTHIER**

In the shakeup by a global pandemic, Holy Week that brings forth Easter dare not go by unnoticed. The story of a viral sickness must fail before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is a great danger when the tragedies of life try to take center stage. It can happen by a single event in a person’s life, a city, nation, and even captivate the whole world. In the 16th century, Martin Luther warns at the time of a plague what is at stake. Not sickness, but the more Satanic foe would, “make us despair of God, become unwilling and unprepared to die, and, under the stormy and dark sky of fear and anxiety, make us forget and lose Christ, our light and life, and desert our neighbor in his troubles.”

Of course, history is full of worldwide catastrophes, but how will the 21st century handle it? Answering this critical question runs into several belief systems about life and death. Some hold to the straightforward fatalist mantra, “You live today and die tomorrow.” Such a stark view over life sees no future hope, counts down the days and is the Devil’s play toy. Another notion deals with reincarnation, which is more about recycling life. Mixed with modern spirituality of self-help, death is a process that absorbs us into the “bigger” picture of life. Lastly, the pure spiritual view of ghosts and communicating with the dead tries to reach beyond life itself. It wants to escape the material world to connect with the higher forces of the universe.

In this panoramic view of our society, another worldview beams brightly beyond a mere pandemic. Christianity has celebrated Easter for two millennia, but Easter belongs to

the risen Christ. This worldview resides not from men, but from God’s own doing out of love for the world. As Jesus declared, “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again” (John 10:17). Is the death and resurrection of Jesus simply the point that there is life after death? Is His victory over the grave only about going to heaven? If so, many will just absorb this to be among the many other worldviews about surviving death. Everyone is just trying to make peace with death, while Jesus dies and rises with peace made perfect as the Lord of life. What He lays down in His humanity He takes back up as God. He brings a new creation from the grave into this world of death.

There are plenty of questions about Jesus’ resurrection, but those first eyewitnesses beheld a triumph bigger than life. They were not talking to a ghost, or some reincarnated guru, or creating a fanciful story to feel better. Instead, the Father sending His Son broke the chains that hindered life. Forgiveness out of God’s love unleashes the comfort, “Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). A worldview fixed on Christ belongs to God’s grace that promises a glorious resurrection of our bodies. The living Lord even now has made us part of His new creation. As St. Paul says, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). A pandemic puts before all the tragedy of death, but Easter declares Jesus lives and so life abounds for any in Him.

*Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.*

## Prayers in isolation

There have been a few moments in recent weeks when the new reality of the coronavirus epidemic hit me in special ways. One of them was when Amazon put books on the bottom of its priority list. Bookish type that I am, that is what Amazon is for



me: books. And I’ve rediscovered the bookstores and distributors I used to rely on before Amazon made things so simple. I’m thinking I really shouldn’t

go back. Aren’t we all having a renewed appreciation for the smaller businesses in our lives and the people behind them?

Of course, there have been more serious moments, like when I realized I’d have to go into isolation because of likely direct exposure to the virus. It isn’t really an introvert’s dream when solitude’s dished out with all the anxieties of the moment. But all these realizations come with tremendous gratitude.

Surprisingly, though, I was most rattled when I read about a cruise ship full of people who are not debarking anytime soon. The name of the boat sounded remarkably familiar – Holland America’s Zaandam. I was on it less than a year ago, for a fundraising cruise for my employer, National Review. Besides a lovely trip, it was a great chance to mingle and talk with the magazine’s readers and writers. It was truly a privilege.

This Saint Joseph’s day, March 19, I couldn’t go to Mass – a reality that is so foreign to me, as someone who normally gets to go to Mass daily, wherever I am traveling – but I was brought back in prayer to my visit to the Saint Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, right before getting onto the Zaandam for the National Review cruise. The Montreal church is a veritable fortress of prayer. It wraps you in a warm parental love, and imparts a confidence about trusting in the love of God, who will not abandon us. Is there a message that could be more helpful right now, as we look for hope

beyond this moment and want to believe that there is a purpose to the suffering the people on the frontlines of this plague are experiencing?

Once we got on the Zaandam, we stopped in Quebec City, which had me tripping over the graves of saints I had encountered at a conference not so long ago on the rich Catholic faith of the Americas, the fruits of missionary labors. Quebec City is like nothing I’ve ever experienced outside of Europe. I don’t know how devout it remains, but it is certainly impossible to miss its Christian heritage.

Anyway, as all of these memories flooded in, I prayed that for the people on the Zaandam now. I thought of the long-suffering staff on the boat – they are some of the hardest, most self-sacrificial workers on those boats, devoted to their families, living in what are far from luxurious sleeping quarters during these months-long assignments.

This is all to say: This time, for so many of us, having to “shelter in place,” which means a severe isolation for some, really ought to be a time for reflection about who we are and who we want to be. Are we self-pitying in our inability to have things the way we like? Or are we growing in gratitude for the blessings we’ve had and have in our lives? Are we reaching out to others, taking all the precautions called for, or are we turning inward? And if we are people who believe in something more, what are we doing about that? Are we getting to know God better and what He wants for us? Because when this crisis passes, we want to be living differently, don’t we? As people renewed in hope and gratitude for the gift of life?

And as we experience suffering and death, even from afar, we must always want to be beacons of love. America could use some more saints, after all.

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## VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services only at [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

### Dora Christian Church

Dora Christian Church services for Sunday, April 5 will be held on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group at 10 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski will bring an abbreviated sermon titled “Almost” as we celebrate Palm Sunday and look forward to Holy Week. Our Facebook group is a “controlled” group so you need to request membership from the group administrator.

### Emmanuel Free Will Baptist

Streaming services on their Facebook page.

### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at [facebook.com/wabashfirstumc](https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc).

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Online services only at [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile (peace poll in front of the white flowering bush).

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is

then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](https://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

No services until travel restrictions are lifted.

### Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer’s sermon will be online and is from Matthew 26:36-67, 27:11-54 titled “Celebration Turns Into Agony.”

### St. Bernard Catholic Church

No masses until further notice. The 9:30 a.m. service streaming on Facebook.

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook Page.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Reverend Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbana-yokeparish.com](http://www.urbana-yokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services

are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

### Wabash

### Christian Church

Streaming both on their website at [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org) and Facebook.

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

### Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](https://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays, as well as on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for mid-week Lenten services.

## Brazilian churches bristle at virus quarantines

By **DIANE JEANTET**

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Like every Sunday, Brazilian Pastor Silas Malafaia took the stage of his Pentecostal temple in a middle-class Rio de Janeiro neighborhood. But this week, he wore a T-shirt instead of a blazer and, behind the three cameras broadcasting to his legion of YouTube followers, were thousands of empty seats.

Brazil’s churches have landed on the front lines of a battle between state governors, who have introduced quarantine measures designed to contain spread of the new coronavirus, and

President Jair Bolsonaro, who is actively undermining them and says a broad lockdown will ultimately destroy Brazil’s economy.

Brazil’s politically powerful evangelicals helped bring the far-right president to power in the 2018 election and Bolsonaro is letting them know they aren’t forgotten, political analysts said. The most influential pastors are backing the president’s radical coronavirus stance while begrudgingly respecting governors’ orders, and either canceling services or moving them online. There are signs some churches are disobeying.

“I’m asking, which is

worse: coronavirus or social chaos?” Malafaia, one of Brazil’s most prominent pastors who leads the Assembly of God Victory in Christ Church, told The Associated Press. “I can guarantee you that social convulsion is worse.”

It mirrors the argument of Bolsonaro, who has urged governors to abandon lockdown and likened COVID-19 to a “little flu” that mainly threatens the elderly and those with preexisting health problems. On Sunday, he hit the streets wearing no gloves or mask and joined multiple gatherings, in defiance of recommendations from his own health ministry.

Bolsonaro, a conservative Catholic who married an evangelical in a service Malafaia administered, has zeroed in on the need to reopen the churches. “God is Brazilian,” he told people on Sunday, O Globo newspaper reported.

Some religious organizations, such as the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, have welcomed measures in Rio and Sao Paulo, where all non-essential businesses shut down. Their leader Pope Francis warned in a letter, parts of which were published Monday, of “viral genocide” if countries prioritize economies over people.






# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD


**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.



## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online


 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750. "NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - services streaming  on Facebook"


**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. No Services at Church. Live broadcast Sunday Morning at 8:30am 95.9 KISS FM

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church**, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY


## LUTHERAN


 **Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup

supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org) ONLINE SERVICES ONLY


**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

## UNITED METHODIST

 **First United Methodist Church**, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



## PALM SUNDAY



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As He rode on a donkey, Jesus' disciples spread their garments and branches of the palm tree in his path to honor His entrance into Jerusalem. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" they exclaimed (Luke 19:38). On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus Christ's majesty on Earth. He sought not glory for Himself, but the fulfillment of God's will. Had He not been declared the King...the Son of God...the crucifixion and resurrection could not have occurred. Praise Him this Palm Sunday!

### Daily Bible Reading

Ezra	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
8:15-36	9:1-25	9:26-38	40:1-31	51:1-23	52:1-12	52:13-53-12

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